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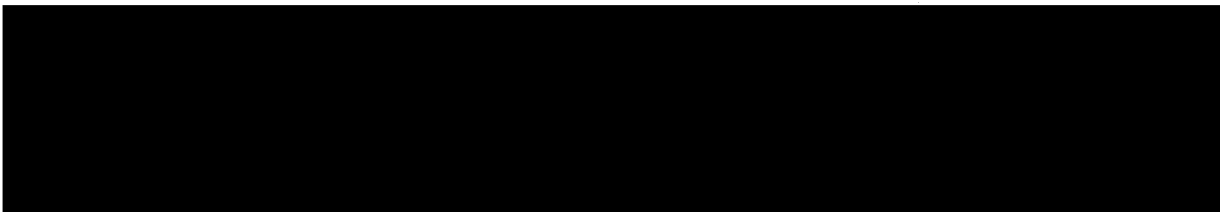
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1. By 31 March 1947, 11,800 kilometers of railroad tracks had been dismantled in the Russian zone of Germany.
 2. Additional dismantlings of tracks, reported variously as between 1,200 and 3,000 kilometers, are to continue; the Central Administration for Transportation has, however, been instructed by the SMA not to publish any figures relating to dismantled tracks.
 3. It is alleged that some of the dismantled rails are being used for the improvement of strategically important lines in Poland, Yugoslavia, and Finland. Poland is receiving approximately 1,200 kilometers, Yugoslavia about 1,000, and Finland 600 kilometers of tracks.
 4. The new dismantling concerns, among others, the stretches
 - a. Fahrkirch-Cottbus-Falkenberg-Halle-Magdeburg-Marienborn (second track)
 - b. Frankfurt-Guben
 - c. Lehnin-Grosskreuz in Brandenburg (narrow gauge).

Countering objections raised, especially in regard to the stretch Lehnin-Grosskreuz, now left without railway connections, the Russians explained that they deemed railroad facilities necessary only where distances of more than thirty kilometers are involved.

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